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SOMETIMES YOU CAN go home again! This fall I have returned to part-time duty in the Office of Career Services. In fact, my desk is less than ten feet from where I sat between 1976 and 1994 although the walls were moved during the 1996 building project. In the few weeks since I returned, I have been impressed by how much is the same and how much has changed: students still ask basic questions about how to find a job but many firm names have changed and electronic resources and reporting programs have come to play a prominent role in serving our student body. Jane Heymann, Director of Career Services, has assembled an excellent staff and I am happy to have at least a part-time role on it.

Update on Native American Students

IN MY LAST column I told you about E. Ward Winton, who graduated in 1920 and is, I believe, our first Native American law graduate.

That column also mentioned T.L. St. Germaine, who appeared to be Native American and is pictured among members of the Class of 1905. I could not, however, prove that he had graduated.

Just after we mailed the last issue, I received a call from Bill Yeschek '51. I was astonished to learn that not only did he have information on St. Germaine, but had met him when he was a boy at his family's resort in the Lac du Flambeau area! The story he remembered was that St. Germaine, a member of the Lac du Flambeau band of the Lake Superior Chippewa tribe, practiced law and served as a part time fishing and hunting guide. He also thought that St. Germaine had been a football player and a graduate of Yale Law School.

Armed with this information I have been able to assemble a few more facts: although not listed

among the Yale football players, St. Germaine did graduate from its law school in 1913. Our own archives record that he was indeed a law student at UW in the 1904-05 academic year but did not graduate, not uncommon in that era. We even found that he was the attorney in several reported cases involving other Native Americans, including *Ex parte Pero* (99 F.2nd 28 (7th Cir. 1938)) and *Kills Plenty v. US* (133 F.2nd 292 (8th Cir. 1943)).

Alumni in Public Service

FOR YEARS I have followed the career of my classmate Frances Ulmer '72 as she served as Mayor of Juneau, Alaska, then a member of the state legislature and currently as Lt. Governor. It came as no surprise that she would run for the state's highest office this year. Nor was I surprised that one or more UW Law grads would be involved in the governor's race in Wisconsin-many UW grads have distinguished themselves in that position. I was, however, surprised to learn that, before primaries, five UW law grads were in governor's races in four states: Ulmer in Alaska; Kathy Falk '77 and Tom Barrett '80 in Wisconsin; Beverly Stein '76 in Oregon; and Rollie Heath '61 in Colorado. None of them made it this time to the governor's title-but their achievements still display an excellent record of public service.

More Friends Pass Away

AS THE YEARS GO BY, death notices in this magazine become more personal. More and more of my friends and friends of this School are passing away. While we decided years ago against including obituaries, I will take notice of four now deceased alumni: A. Glenn Epps '56 was one of our early African-American graduates

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who immediately began using his legal training for the benefit of those less fortunate than he, the poor, minorities and downtrodden. I met him once when he was nearing retirement as an administrative law judge and was impressed with his passion for what law could do to improve lives. Carl Thompson '39 was a State Senator when I was a lobbyist for the State Bar. He was modest and usually quiet, unless he rose to speak on human rights or civil liberties, when he too demonstrated a special passion. Joe Sullivan '41 spent his career in the FBI. I met him at a reception in New York not long after he retired and I remember him mentioning several prominent cases that he had "worked". As the years went by, I learned that modesty was one of his traits as well. He was the agent Gene Hackman's character in "Mississippi Burning" was based on, as was Efram Zimbalist's role in the TV series "The FBI." But the loss of John Frank '40 is the one I feel most personally. I had the pleasure of encountering John many times-for champagne in his Phoenix office, a ritual; at an ALI reception in Washington; many times here at the Law School where he came to share his expertise on federal jurisdiction or the Supreme Court, or to receive an award for his remarkable career; and, on one memorable night, at a small dinner in his home with Dean Bernstine, John Skilton and a few others. John, like me, was a collector of books. They lined every wall of his modest home and included volumes not only in his areas of expertise but ranging wide on the many subjects that he found interesting. Recently, John Skilton gave me a copy of John Frank's *A Sort of Professional Autobiography*. In 19 pages it documents John's involvement in national legal questions from desegregation to the most recent Supreme Court appointments. He was a giant among the many giants we count among our alumni.

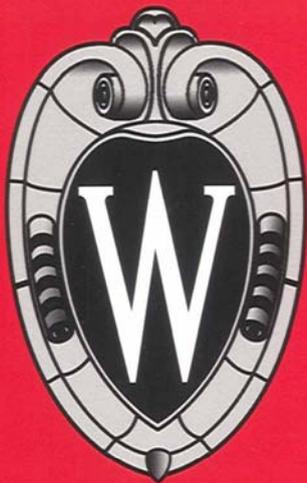
I will miss them all. •



This mystery picture was taken at a Spring Awards Program and the man at the podium is George Young, as a professor and not a dean. Who are those honorees and what year was this?



First a confession: this was such a good mystery photo that I inadvertently used it a second time. Nevertheless, I thank John Waldeck '64, Kris Koepcke '64, Mike Brennan '64, and George Simons '64, for providing identifications and for not pointing out the repetition. The event was Homecoming 1963, celebrants were members of the Class of 1964. While there is some dispute, the following members of that Class are alleged to be in the photo: Howie Meyers, Dick Baumann, John Michler, Lane Ware, Phil Atinsky, Bob Pinkus, Irv Kahn, Mike Brennan, Jack Waldeck, Kris Koepcke and Bruce Craig. Careful readers will note that there are more names than faces-I may edit text but hesitate to edit the memories of senior lawyers.



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